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No-hawking zone around Hill Temple

Vendors banned within 100-metre radius of Sri Chamundeshwari Temple

Mysuru, May 3 (RK&BCT)- In a move to enhance visitor convenience and restore sanctity at the Hill shrine, authorities have enforced a ban on all commercial activities within a 100-metre radius of the Sri Chamundeshwari Temple atop Chamundi Hill, effective from May 1.

The ban, enforced in the public interest, aims to ease congestion and ensure smooth movement for dignitaries, foreign tourists and the lakhs of devotees who visit the globally renowned temple. Hawkers and vendors crowding the Temple entrance will now have to shift their business operations beyond the restricted zone.

Officials from the Sri Chamundeshwari Kshetra Development Authority said the step is crucial to improve traffic flow and offer a hassle-free experience to pilgrims. They appealed to residents, traders and devotees to cooperate fully with the directive.

(See HILL TEMPLE on page 7)

To Our Readers

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VOICE OF THE READER... VOX POPULI, VOX DEI...

A Letter to Prime Minister Modi

Create geography like Indira Gandhi did in 1971 war

Honourable Prime Minister Narendra Modiji,

Narendra Modi

Greetings from a wounded secular citizen of India, an octogenarian.

The Pahalgam massacre must be revenged. The terrorists and their backers must be buried under the earth, to use your resolve made on the soil of Bihar. To do so, this is your finest hour.

Remember the words of Dom Moraes, the renowned journalist and author, who wrote about the war India fought with Pakistan in 1971 and created Bangladesh. In great admiration of the Prime Minister Indira Gandhi for the victory, Dom Moraes wrote in *Indian Express*, *'Mrs. Indira Gandhi not only created history but also created geography.'*

Modiji,I remind you of this profound statement at this hour of crisis for our country only because you too, like Indira Gandhi, should seize the opportunity and create not only history but also geography.

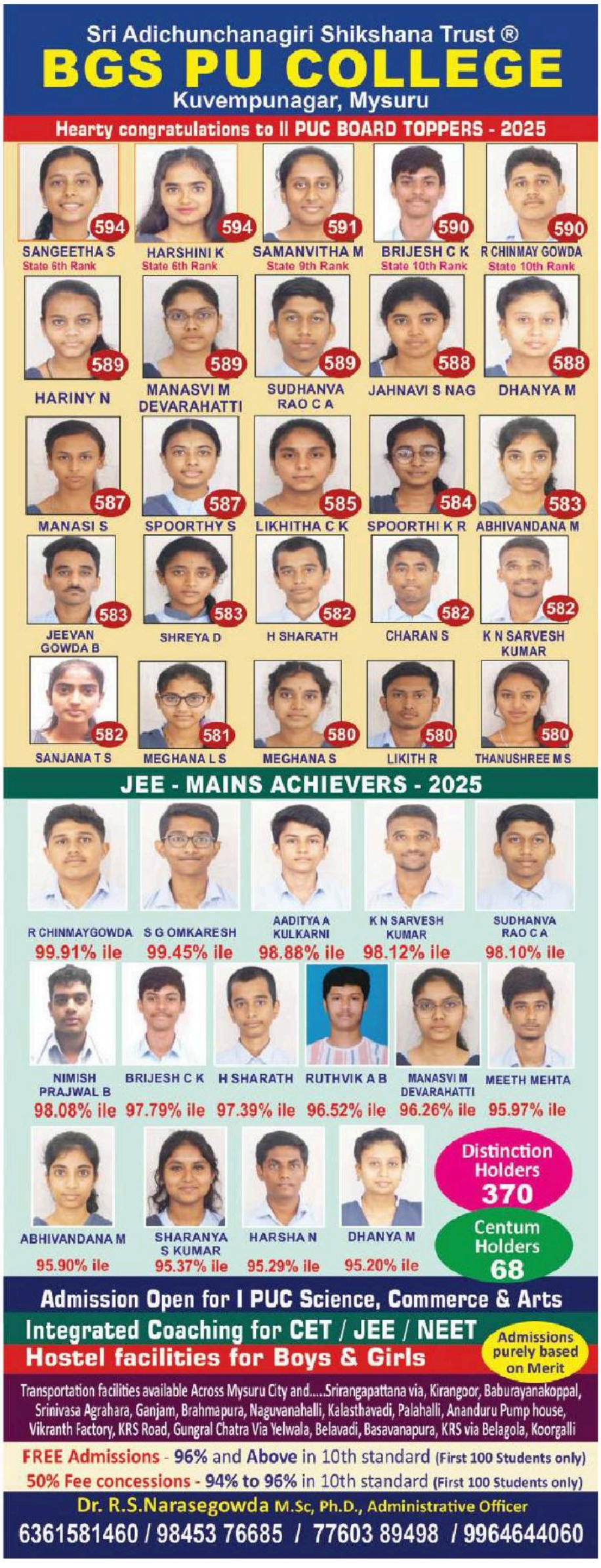
Bangladesh, the Islamic State of the size of a handkerchief compared to India, has the hubris to threaten us saying it would cut off the Siliguri Corridor, also known as the chicken's neck, and take over Assam. Occupy Bangladesh territories around the chicken's neck and expand the Siliguri Corridor. Create an iron curtain in place of the chicken's neck.

In the West, take back the "stolen" part of Kashmir (to borrow the word from our Foreign Minister S. Jaishankar), now known as PoK. With this, India's bruised sovereignty and *unity and integrity* of its territories will be reclaimed and restored as per the Preamble of our Constitution.

This done, if any militarily strategic pass or territory needs to be occupied, finish that job too.

This land of *Sanatana Dharma* has for centuries remained a land of lotus-eaters. Now time has come to spew fire and brimstone to reclaim our land and protect our people.

— K.B. Ganapathy,
Founder-Editor, *Star of Mysore*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"We believe comment is free, but facts are sacred."

Editor: M. GOVINDE GOWDA, M.A.

Mysuru, Saturday 3rd May 2025

Diploma at JSS Polytechnic for the Differently Abled

Mysuru, May 3- JSS Polytechnic for the Differently Abled (JSS PDA) has invited applications from differently abled students for admission (on All India basis) to the following three-year Diploma courses for the year 2025-26:

1. Architecture Assistantship; **2.** Commercial Practice; **3.** Computer Science and Engineering; **4.** Jewellery Design and Technology; **5.** Electronics and Communication Engineering; **6.** Computer Applications; **7.** Apparel Design and Fabrication Technology.

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Application forms can be obtained from JSS PDA in JSS Technical Institutions Campus or can also be downloaded directly from website: *www.jsspda.org*.

The filled applications should be submitted to the Polytechnic Office before June 16.

For further details, contact Ph: 0821-2548315 or 2548316 or Mob: 98446-44937, according to a press release.

EDITOR'S BOTTOMLINE

KING OF FRUITS OR COUNT OF CALORIES?: ***Mango is my favourite fruit. Every year, a few months before the season begins, I feel a rush of anticipation. And just now, the first mangoes have started arriving — though many beloved varieties are still on their way, I couldn't resist and brought some home.***

My 6-year-old son, Appu, is a mango enthusiast too. He insisted that mangoes be packed in his lunch bag. While I share his enthusiasm, I often face criticism for my mango indulgence — especially from nutritionists and well-meaning family members concerned about calories and the "fattening" effect of mangoes. Truth be told, I do tend to gain a couple of kilos every mango season.

But honestly, I still believe mangoes are worth every calorie. We eat not just for nourishment, but for joy. I once read about a study where people were shown a picture of chocolate cake. The French responded with "celebration," while Americans associated it with "guilt" and "weight gain." I haven't come across any similar study on Indian attitudes toward food, but I feel we too are at a crossroads — torn between celebration and calorie counting.

As a child, I remember summers in my hometown, Turuvekere, where a mango tree stood tall in our backyard. When the fruits ripened, workers would pluck them and heap them in the courtyard. Hay meant for cattle would be spread out across the wooden attic floor. My sister, cousins visiting us from Bengaluru and I would tuck raw mangoes into the hay, waiting patiently for them to ripen.

Every day, we'd climb up and check for ripeness — sniffing them, pressing gently to feel if they had softened. The ripest ones were our dessert. All the children would sit together and relish them, sticky hands and glowing smiles. I don't recall anyone — child or adult — discussing calories or weight gain. The only discussions were about the breeds of mangoes, their sweetness and the dishes they could become — mango rasayana or seekarane.

India is blessed with so many varieties of mangoes and they're available for only a few fleeting months each year. Isn't it a beautiful opportunity to teach our children to savour seasonal flavours? To eat with awareness, yes — but also with joy?

Instead of shunning mangoes for their calorie content, perhaps we can embrace moderation — enjoy smaller portions without guilt, knowing that the weight can be shed later. Because some fruits are not just food. They are tradition, memory, childhood and celebration — wrapped in golden sweetness.

What do you think — shouldn't the joy of eating sometimes take precedence over the fear of calories? — *Aparna Sreevatsa in Deccan Herald*

NEWS SPARKLERS

Tallest-shortest dogs have puppy playdate

Idaho: Guinness World Records shared video from the historic meeting between the world's tallest living dog — standing 3 feet, 3 inches tall — and the world's shortest dog, who stands at 3.59 inches tall.

Reginald, a 7-year-old great Dane, and Pearl, a 4-year-old chihuahua, came together for a record-breaking puppy playdate at Reginald's owner's house in Idaho.

Reginald's owner, Sam, told Guinness World Records that the canine is "just a big baby" who "acts like a human toddler." Pearl's owner, Vanessa Semler, said the pint-sized pooch is very fond of larger dogs.

The two canines were introduced on the couch at Reggie's home, and quickly hit it off.

Radio station secretly uses AI host for 6 months

Sydney: An Australian radio station has come under fire for reportedly using an AI-generated female host for six months without mentioning it before listeners started questioning "her" identity.

Last year, Australian Radio Network's CADA station, which broadcasts in Sydney, introduced a new host named Thy and even created a new show for her called Workdays with Thy. The young-sounding woman presented music for four hours a day from Monday to Friday, and things went smoothly until people started asking questions about the mysterious Thy.

The fact that she had no last name and no biography anywhere was suspicious enough, but then some listeners noticed that certain phrases she used sounded identical every time she uttered them. Questions and theories about Thy's true identity started spreading online and CADA eventually revealed that she wasn't a real person.

HEALTH CAPSULE

Symptoms of stress urinary incontinence are urinary leak when we are coughing, laughing and lifting some weights.

By Dr. Dinesh Kumar T P - Consultant – Urology Andrology Manipal Hospital, Mysore

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** Health Capsule is not intended to be of a diagnostic nature*

School admission for visually impaired girls

Mysuru, May 3 - Ranga Rao Memorial School for Differently Abled, run by the NR Foundation, the philanthropic arm of the NR Group, has commenced admission for visually impaired students from across Karnataka for 2025-26 academic session.

Started in 1988, Ranga Rao Memorial School for Differently Abled is a free residential school for visually challenged girls.

The school operates under "Child-centric project" and is supported by Department of the Empowerment of Differently Abled and Senior Citizens.

In 2017-2018, the school received Best Service Organisation award in disabled sector from the Department on World Disability Day.

This residential school not only provides a safe haven and quality education, but also helps in holistic development and prepares students to live a life with dignity outside the school.

Extra-curricular activities like dance, yoga workshops, singing, vocational training are also held at the school which follows the State syllabus learning through Braille system taught by highly qualified teachers.

For applications, contact Ranga Rao Memorial School for Differently Abled, next to Metagalli Police Station, Mysuru or Mob: 096866 68434.

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REALLY...?

- ***The oldest wild bird in the world is widely thought to be the rather remarkable Laysan albatross known as Wisdom, who lives on the Midway Atoll in the North Pacific Ocean and is now estimated to be in her early to mid seventies.***
- ***Birds don't sweat and do not have sweat glands, so to stay cool they evaporate water through their respiratory tract.***

LAUGHTER THE BEST MEDICINE

College student: *Shall I take up Economics dad?*

Dad: *Certainly son. It won't make us rich; but you'll at least know why people are poor!!*

TODAY'S CURRENCY RATE

1 US Dollar	= Rs. 84.66
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VOICE OF THE READER

Request for medical facilities on Chamundi Hill climbing route

Sir,

I would like to highlight a public safety concern I encountered recently while climbing 1,008 Chamundi Hill steps.

I noticed that there were no medical aid stations, first-aid kits or emergency contact information available along the hill climbing route.

In case of accidents, exhaustion or health emergencies, the absence of such facilities can pose serious risks to the lives of climbers, tourists and local visitors. A simple first-aid post or a medical response team stationed nearby could make a huge difference in ensuring safety.

I request the authorities concerned to consider installing medical aid kiosks and emergency signage at appropriate points along the trail. This small step can significantly enhance safety and also encourage responsible tourism in the region.

—Sandhya
Mysuru
20.4.2025

‘New Mysuru’ to rise as twin city

CM to hold high-level meeting on May 5

Siddaramaiah

Bengaluru, May 3 (KMS & BCT)- In a bold urban expansion move, Chief Minister Siddaramaiah is pushing ahead with the ‘New Mysuru’ project — an ambitious plan to build a modern twin city on the outskirts of Mysuru, modelled after New Delhi and Chandigarh. The CM has convened a high-level meeting on May 5 at his official residence, ‘Cauvery,’ in Bengaluru to discuss the project.

The meeting will include Mysuru District Minister Dr. H.C. Mahadevappa, Urban Development Minister Byrathi Suresh, Ministers Dinesh Gundu Rao, R. Ramalinga Reddy, Krishna Byre Gowda, K. Venkatesh and senior officials from the Urban Development, Revenue and Finance Departments.

Planned as a showcase of urban design, ‘New Mysuru’ will include wide roads, expansive parks, a multi-speciality hospital, residential layouts developed by Mysuru Urban Development Authority (MUDA) and Karnataka Housing Board (KHB), and consolidated Government Offices under one roof.

Location kept secret

Although the location for ‘New Mysuru’ has already been identified, the CM has chosen to keep it confidential to prevent land speculation and potential exploitation of farmers by middlemen. “Land rates will skyrocket the moment the location is announced,” a senior official said, hinting that premature disclosure could lead to unethical land acquisition.

Mysuru Deputy Commissioner G. Lakshmikanth Reddy confirmed that he has been invited to the May 5 meeting, but said he has not yet been briefed on the project’s specifics.

The proposal is expected to be placed before the Cabinet for official approval on May 9. The Government has already cleared multiple development projects for Mysuru in recent Cabinet meetings, with ‘New Mysuru’ poised to become the flagship of the CM’s legacy by the end of his tenure.

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Sri Bhagiratha Jayanthi celebrations tomorrow

Mysuru, May 3 (VNS)- Sri Bhagiratha Jayanthi celebrations jointly organised by District Administration and Department of Kannada and Culture will be held at Kalamandira at 11.30 am tomorrow (May 4).

The event will be inaugurated by Social Welfare and District Minister Dr. H.C. Mahadevappa in the presence of Bhagiratha Mutt Seer Sri Purushothamanandapuri Swamiji and others. MLA K. Harishgowda will preside.

Kannada Book Authority Chairman Dr. Manasa, Mysuru-Kodagu MP Yaduveer Krishnadatta Chamaraja Wadiyar, Chamarajanagar MP Sunil Bose, MLAs Tanveer Sait, G.T. Devegowda, D. Ravishankar, T.S. Srivatsa, Darshan Dhruvanarayan and G.D. Harish Gowda, MLCs A. H. Vishwanath, Dr. D. Thimmaiah, C.N. Manjegowda, Madhu G. Madegowda, Dr. Yathindra Siddaramaiah and K. Vivekananda, Karnataka Exhibition Authority Chairman Ayub Khan and CADA Chairman Mariswamy will take part in the programme.

Jagannath Sagar, retired Additional Commissioner, Department of Commercial Taxes, will deliver a special talk on the occasion.

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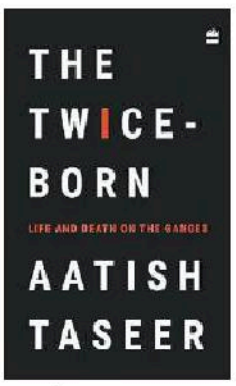
Abracadabra... Abracadabra...

By K.B. Ganapathy

Author who saw Pakistan's inexorable descent into fear and nihilism!

Shakespeare may say audaciously, 'What is there in a name? A rose by any other name would smell as sweet.' But you try calling marigold as rose and see if you get the smell of a rose. Name matters. Which is why we have many Gandhis in a political dynasty. Does any of them bear resemblance to the original Mahatma Gandhi in lineage or personal character?

Narendra Modi Indian PM



Cover page of the book

Shehbaz Sharif Pak PM

Aatish Taseer's father Salman Taseer was murdered in 2011. While addressing the Press in this context, Aatish said, "And if there was one thing I never doubted about him, it was his love of Pakistan. It never allowed him to believe what had become of the country his forefathers had fought for... Today he joins that sad processions of martyrs standing between Pakistan and its inexorable descent into fear and nihilism." Today, in 2025, his words, uttered 14 years ago, seem to become prophetic.

Therefore, it is axiomatic that name matters. That was why I decided to read the book titled *"The Twice Born."* It is written by **Aatish Taseer.** This book was admired by a member of my WhatsApp Group and I decided to read it.

A race-goer will first study the pedigree of the horse he is going to put his money on. Likewise, I went to the author's pedigree (background) before getting this book after a week's waiting from Amazon as it was not available in the local book shops.

Aatish Taseer was born in 1980, two years after *Star of Mysore* was born. Father Salman Taseer, a Pakistani politician and mother India's famous journalist-author Tavleen Singh. He was born in London and raised by his mother in Delhi. Since I have read his mother Tavleen Singh, I thought he would be as good and easy to read as an author. I was disappointed. But before I come to the text, let me recall how he made big news in India.

In 2019, during Narendra Modi's second term in Office he wrote a cover-page article in America's *TIME* magazine, *"India's Divider in Chief,"* an attempt to malign Modi's image.

The book is about his foray into our country's, nay world's, most ancient living city, city of knowledge (Gyanvapi), Kashi, also known as Varanasi and Benaras (Banaras), to study and write a book. This book is the product of his visits to this eternal city where Hindus wish to die hoping to attain MOKSHA. There is Holy River Ganga to cleanse your sins and the Linga of Kashi Vishwanath to worship and a number of Ghats to consign the body to flames after death.

A hardbound book of 248 pages is priced rather too high at Rs. 1,199. But that is where name matters and Shakespeare is wrong. I am reminded of the Philosopher-Thinker Jiddu Krishnamurti, who rid himself of the spiritual bondage to which Annie Besant of Adyar (Chennai) Theosophical Society, his Godmother, got him in.

When Jiddu Krishnamurti's first book was to be published in America, he asked his publishers not to print his name as its author for his own reasons; may be as a renunciate, who has dropped ego totally. And printing his name in the book as its author would be an assertion of ego, he must have reasoned. However, the publisher firmly said book publishing is for selling books and the name of the author matters. "Sorry, we will not publish the book." That settled the dilemma.

The full title of Aatish Taseer's book is *"The Twice Born — Life and Death on the Ganges."* No doubt, it was a commissioned book. In the blurb on the back cover page are many tall names praising the book. Among those at the top, above the Nobel Laureate V.S. Naipaul, is the name of Aravind Adiga who had won the Booker Prize for his book *The White Tiger*. (Wonder why no car driver filed a PIL!). However, I was flummoxed when I read what one Karn Mahajan wrote in praise of the book: *"The best Indian novel of the last decade."* What novel? Help me.

One cannot imagine Benaras without thinking of Brahmins, the custodians of sacred learning of *Sanatana Dharma*. They are called Dvijas, twice born, because first they are born into the flesh and then when the *Gayatri Mantra* is taught to them under a ceremony known as 'sacred thread ceremony,' and take a spiritual birth. Therefore *'twice born'*.

Aatish Taseer finds, through his visits to numerous places in Benaras and many meetings with the Brahmins, the past and the present in conflict, struggling to reconcile. The book was first published in India in 2018 when Narendra Modi, his *bete noire,* was the Prime Minister and as expected, Modi appears in the narrative. It was like the America's celebrated film director Alfred Hitchcock appearing in all of his films in a cameo role for a fleeting second. It is a book deeply individual and subjective. Crassly generalised, far removed from objectivity. I thought of the book *'Mother India'* by Katherine Mayo. Mahatma Gandhi called that book as a "report of a drain inspector."

India that is Bharat was a country that once stretched from Afghanistan to Indonesia. The *lingua franca* for the learned was Sanskrit. Local common man's languages served the people of different regions. In 1781, Warren Hastings, the Governor-General of India, came to see the ruler of Kashi one Chet Singh. But as fate would have it, 15 years later Kashi came under the British. It was also the fate of India.

Three years before Aatish Taseer came to Benaras to collect materials to write this book, his father Salman Taseer was shot and killed by his gunman in 2011. **In the wake of the present war-like confrontation between India and Pakistan following April 22 Pahalgam massacre, it would be pertinent here to recall the observations of Aatish Taseer about Pakistan while speaking to the Press following his father's murder (page 25).**

"And if there was one thing I never doubted about him, it was his love of Pakistan. It never allowed him to believe what had become of the country his forefathers had fought for. Today he joins that sad procession of martyrs — everyday a thinner line — standing between Pakistan and its inexorable descent into fear and nihilism."

'Nihilism' means the rejection of all religions and moral principles.

Curiously, Aatish Taseer writes that his agent suggested that he remove "inexorable." He did not. Probably he had the premonition of the shape of Pakistan to be in the future. That future is NOW. The cold-blooded murder of 26 innocent, unsuspecting human beings on 22nd April 2025 at Pahalgam, Kashmir. Pakistan has indeed sunk into its inexorable descent of fear and nihilism.

I wonder what would be Aatish Taseer's statement today if he were to meet the Press.

Be that as it may, now let me conclude with one very interesting hitherto not known information about the 1962 China war with India.

Aatish Taseer meets one Urmila Sharma at a lecture hall in Banaras Hindu University (BHU) campus. She was a Brahmin. This was what she told Aatish:

She knew things were going wrong for India in 1962. **Nehru had a dream of an Asia united against Europe and America (with the co-operation of China).** But China rewarded Nehru's dream with the 1962 surprise war. **"In the end, Nehru, who had disdained American friendship, was begging Kennedy to bomb China."**

This is revealing indeed for we Mysureans. At the time of China war, there was a man called Narayana Swamy. He was a Prince of Mysore and a very brilliant engineer. In his old age, he went to Gangotri (in the Himalayas). And one day as he was gazing into the river at 12,000 feet, he had a clear view into China. There he could see the Chinese army moving towards Indian territory. It was 1958. He wrote a letter to Nehru, warning him about the Chinese plans. But Nehru ignored.

Reading this I remembered how India ignored the information shepherds gave about the presence of Pakistani soldiers moving in Kargil. Luckily George Fernandes, then Defence Minister, took it seriously. Rest, we all know.

In 1960 also Narayana Swamy wrote letters to Nehru but they were ignored, said Urmila and concluded, "I became aware of his (Nehru's) total contempt for Indian culture and civilisation." Enough about the book.

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Educators advocate critical thinking in school reforms

Educational symposium at Sarada Vilas Educational Institutions focuses on wisdom-based learning

Dr. K. Chidananda Gowda, former Vice-Chancellor, Kuvempu University, seen lighting the lamp to inaugurate the symposium at Sarada Vilas Educational Institutions (SVEI) recently as Prof. G. Hemantha Kumar, former Mysore University VC; Dr. B.M. Subraya, SVEI President; R. Narasimha, SVEI Hon. Secretary, Governing Council members S.L. Ramachandra, Dr. T.K. Umesh, Dr. P. Nagabhushan and Dr. Pradeep Kumar (SOS) look on.

Mysuru, May 3 (BCT)- Sarada Vilas Educational Institutions (SVEI) hosted an educational symposium on Apr. 29 in collaboration with the Science of Schooling Conclave Chapter-2.

The event commenced with the traditional lamp lighting, followed by a keynote address by Dr. K. Chidananda Gowda, former Vice-Chancellor of Kuvempu University and respected educationist.

Dr. Gowda presented a compelling case for global curriculum reform, advocating for the integration of wisdom and spirituality to develop enlightened individuals. He expressed deep concern about education's current trajectory, noting its increasing reduction to an employment-generation system.

"Traditional degrees are losing relevance in today's world," he observed. "Modern corporations prioritise talent, integrity, and exceptional capability over mere academic qualifications."

The education veteran critiqued the current system's industrial focus, urging educators to embrace continuous learning, extensive reading, and technological adaptation.

"When teachers cultivate these habits," he asserted, "educational progress can accelerate dramatically." Dr. Gowda emphasised the need to fundamentally re-examine education's purpose, stressing the importance of fostering critical thinking and maintaining mind-body balance for optimal learning.

The programme also featured insights from Dr. Nagabhushan, who lamented society's narrow view of education as merely a job-acquisition tool.

He noted the unfortunate disparity in respect between administrative professionals and academic leaders, while criticising the prevailing emphasis on rote memorisation. "Our examination system rewards information collection rather than genuine understanding," he remarked.

Both speakers called for urgent systemic transformation, advocating curricula that develop analytical and exploratory skills. Dr. Nagabhushan particularly decried the trend of coaching centres producing civil servants, stating, "This reflects the tragedy of our times — we must prioritise intellectual growth over mechanical preparation."

The conclave's agenda encompassed vital educational themes, including curricular foundations, awareness development, pluralism, educational dialogue, and achieving global consciousness through spiritual equilibrium.

Distinguished professors and education experts from premier institutions engaged in rigorous discussions throughout the day-long programme. The event attracted over 400 participants, including teachers and education specialists.

Dr. B.M. Subraya, Institution President, welcomed. SVEI Honorary Secretary R. Narasimha, Governing Council members Dr. T.K. Umesh, S.L. Ramachandra, Anuradha Nandakumar, Dr. Pradeep Kumar, Prof. G. Hemantha Kumar, Dr. B.G. Sangameshwar, Dr. S.J. Nagannagowda and Dr. Ashok Rao, were present.

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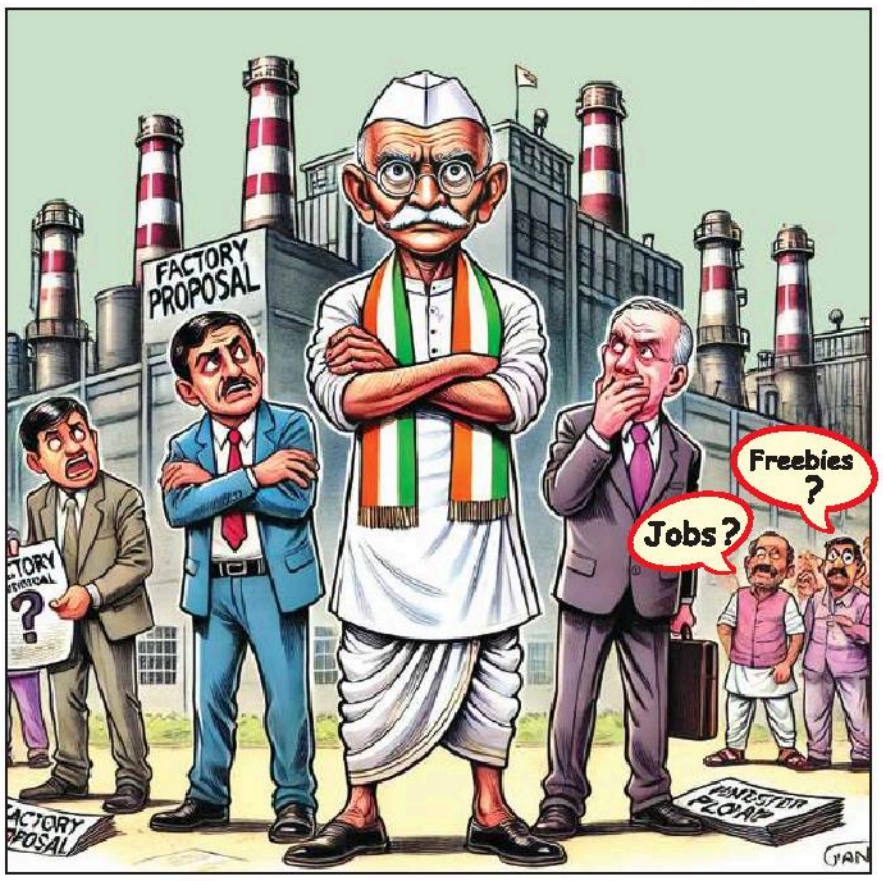
Karnataka is losing... ... One factory at a time



Another opportunity slips through Karnataka's fingers. Silectric Semiconductor Manufacturing Pvt. Ltd., which was considering Mysuru for its next plant, has now backed out.

The official reason? *"Issues with technical direction,"* stated the Company.

But the real reason, according to industry insiders was the inability of the Karnataka Government to hand over legally clear land and the fear of politicised labour in Mysuru-Nanjangud region.

In short, the company didn't see Karnataka as a State ready to do business, at least not without unnecessary delays or political minefields.

Sources even today cite these reasons for why AT&S, the well-known Printed Circuit Board (PCB) manufacturing company in Mysuru chose Taiwan to set up their new PCB manufacturing plant.

What's disheartening is that this isn't an isolated incident. It's a pattern — a slow, steady erosion of Karnataka's industrial credibility — and no one in power seems particularly bothered.

Since S.M. Krishna left office, Karnataka hasn't had a single Chief Minister with a coherent industrial vision or the administrative will to execute it.

S.M. Krishna understood the role of industry in wealth creation, job generation and raising State revenues.

He once said, *"We do not look at investors as businessmen. We consider them as our partners — partners in development and technological upliftment."*

And clearly, the rest of the country agreed as he was voted India's Best Chief Minister twice in a nationwide poll. Back then, Narendra Modi was Gujarat's Chief Minister and he was ranked eighth.

Krishna succeeded not just because of his policies, but because of his approach. He was accessible, pragmatic and 'unthreatening' to industrialists unlike the present administration.

Infosys founder N.R. Narayana Murthy praised his openness to new ideas. Ashok Soota, Confederation of Indian Industry's (CII) then President-designate, called him the *"feel-good"* Chief Minister.

S.M. Krishna blended conservatism with modernism — balancing old-school party politics with an investor-friendly mindset.

Fast forward to today: Karnataka's leaders are short-sighted, uninspiring and addicted to populism.

The tragedy of Karnataka is that today our leaders behave like tenants, instead of trustees — grabbing what they can, while they can.

This could be because Karnataka politics today is a game of musical chairs, so no one knows how long they will stay in power.

That said, Siddaramaiah has had almost two stable terms. So why then this lack of industrial growth? Too much time spent on creating vote banks at the cost of creating job banks?

Take the case of a mobile manufacturing company that approached the Karnataka Government a few years ago. They needed land and approvals to set up a factory near Bengaluru. Predictably, red tape delayed progress.

But then Telangana's Industries Minister caught wind of it, the company was invited to Hyderabad the very next day. Meetings were held. An IAS officer was deputed as a single-window contact with a strict delivery timeline.

Five weeks later, the factory was approved. Today, it employs 2,000 people.

Meanwhile in Karnataka, *"we're still looking into it."*

This failure isn't just bureaucratic — it's strategic. Case in point is Karnataka's ill-conceived *'50% jobs for Kannadigas'* reservation announcement.

Instead of inspiring confidence, it spooked investors and as usual Andhra Pradesh was quick to pounce.

Nara Lokesh, Andhra's then IT Minister, invited businesses to relocate to Visakhapatnam — offering better infrastructure, no labour restrictions and a Government that gets things done. It worked.

A European industrialist had requested just an acre of land to set up a unit to manufacture machines used to make PCBs in Mysuru. The team was shown plots under Karnataka Industrial Areas Development Board (KIADB) by real estate agents instead of Government officials !

The company is now looking at Andhra Pradesh.

It is time for Karnataka politicians to pause their obsession with reserving jobs and focus on creating them first — after all, No industrial land, no jobs. No jobs, no revenue. No revenue, no freebies. No freebies, no election victory. Politicians do the math.

Even Gujarat offers an instructive contrast. When then-CM Narendra Modi was told that 310 religious structures — yes, including temples — were encroaching on Government roads in Gandhinagar and obstructing development, he ordered them demolished.

The Vishva Hindu Parishad (VHP) howled in protest. *"Development cannot come at the cost of temples!"* they cried. Modi stood firm.

The temples came down. The roads were widened. Industries came in. Jobs followed.

That's political will. That's governance.

What Karnataka needs now is new Industries, and for that, you need new politicians — Politicians who are Pro-development, Pro-people and most importantly, Pro-professional — Leaders who understand that governing a State isn't just about courting MLAs at resorts, but about courting investors in boardrooms.

Because here's the hard truth: If Karnataka doesn't wake up and reboot its industrial strategy — especially in manufacturing — then in 15 years, we may see Kannadigas migrating to Telangana for jobs. Or worse, to Bihar.

The age of IT as a mass employer is fading. Manufacturing is the next big frontier. But without leadership that sees beyond vote banks and short-term optics, Karnataka will fall further behind.

We once turned Bengaluru into a global tech hub. We can do the same for Mysuru, Belagavi and Hubballi — if only someone in Vidhana Soudha decides to stop managing headlines and start managing outcomes.

Until then, we'll keep losing opportunities. One factory at a time.

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No-hawking zone around Hill Temple

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"The sanctity of the Temple is being compromised. Devotees and hawkers are literally jostling for space and even VIPs, including judges, have raised concerns about the chaotic and unhealthy environment," said M.J. Roopa, Secretary of the Authority, speaking to *Star of Mysore* this morning.

Roopa said Authority has received repeated complaints from devotees regarding hawkers' proximity to Temple premises. "Many people have remarked that the hawking activity atop Chamundi Hill has spoiled the spiritual atmosphere," she noted.

A meeting is scheduled for May 16 with the Secretary of the Hindu Religious Institutions and Charitable Endowments Department (Muzrai), where the eviction of vendors will be discussed. "A proposal to clear the vendors will be submitted and elected representatives will also be consulted before arriving at a final decision," Roopa added.

The move comes ahead of peak pilgrimage season from July to October and is expected to significantly improve crowd management while preserving the sanctity of one of Karnataka's most revered religious destinations.

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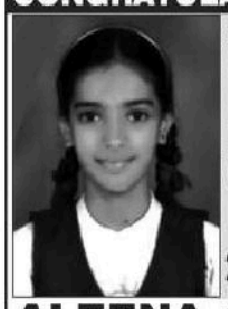

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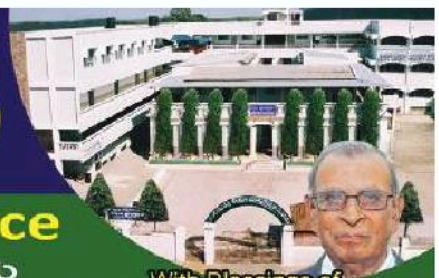

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Two-day Jackfruit Festival begins in city

Mysuru, May 3 (MTY&BS)- The two-day Jackfruit Festival, organised by Sahaja Samrudha in association with Rotary Club of Mysore West, began at Nanjaraja Bahadur Choultry, on Vinoba Road in the city this morning. The entry to the fest is free and will be open from 10 am to 8 pm.

Writer and Jackfruit grower Krishnamurthy Biligere inaugurated the Jackfruit Mela by cutting the fruit, with a specially designed knife fixed to a wooden shaft.

Biligere said, generally coconut tree is hailed as *Kalpavruksha*, but not many are aware that, Jackfruit tree is also a *Kalpavruksha* in dryland, for having a rich history spanning thousands of years. Moreover, it is the only fruit without any hazardous and chemical contents. Now, the fame of the fruit has spread worldwide and is available across the globe. This fruit, apart from eating, the seeds and the shell is used for preparing a variety of food items like dosa, idli, halwa and various other delicacies.

"Apart from Siddu and Shankara Halasu, various other Nati Halasu (indigenous species) are available. Hence, we should give preference to grow *Nati Halasu* on a large scale. It is scientifically proven that, food prepared using jackfruit seeds also help in controlling BP, sugar and other diseases. Even if we eat the fruit stomach full, there is no harm for the digestive system," described Biligere.

The uniqueness of Jackfruit is such that, the taste differs from tree to tree, offering a mix of tastes. Such festivals should reach all and grow into an international festival, wished Biligere.

Director of Sahaja Samrudha, Krishnaprasad said, the fest is being organised without any government support. The farmers are directly invited for the festival and provided a market to reach the customers. Jackfruit having its origin in Western Ghats, has now spread to various countries n the world. The conservation of jackfruit varieties should be taken up, so that the cultivation of the fruit can be converted into a profitable venture for the farmers.

Focus on underutilised fruits

Rajyotsava awardee organic farmer Ramesh of Shivanapura, released the pamphlet of Bilva Juice and said "Like jackfruit, there are hundreds of neglected fruit varieties that need to be identified and brought to mainstream attention. For example, the Bilva fruit, often used for worship, can be turned into delicious beverages and should also be popularised."

Various jackfruit plants are available for sale and 250 grams of jackfruit is sold at Rs. 50 per plate and the regular variety of jackfruit is sold at Rs. 40. Besides, Halasina Halva, Dosa, Idli, Gobi Manchurian, Chakkuli, Kodubele, Ice Cream and roasted products are available.

60 jackfruit varieties

Over 60 jackfruit varieties, including Toobagere Red, Prakash Chandra, Rudrakshi, Shankara, Siddu, Lalbagh Madhur and Ambali are on display. Special attractions include red jackfruit varieties and Rudrakshi jackfruit of football size. Saplings of high-quality varieties are also available for sale.

Value-added jackfruit products such as chips, ice cream, halwa, dosa, biryani, and kababs are being showcased in over 55 stalls alongside organic seeds, fruits like mango and jamun, and artisan crafts.

Training and Competitions

Training sessions on jackfruit cultivation, pest and disease management and marketing were conducted.

Farmers shared their experiences with popular red jackfruit varieties like Siddu and Shankara. Fun competitions like estimating jackfruit weight and lifting jackfruit entertained visitors. The jackfruit-eating competition is scheduled for tomorrow (May 4) at 2 PM.

Deputy Director of Horticulture Manjunath Angadi, Rotary Club of Mysore West President M.L. Nagesh, Secretary M. Devaraju, Seema Krishnaprasad and others were present.

Bhagini Sangeethotsava: Day-5 and 6

In the embrace of raga and rhythm

Young vocalist **Smruthi Bhaskar** gave a vocal concert with **C.V. Shruthi** on violin, **A. Radhesh** on mridanga and senior artiste **V.S. Ramesh** on morching, on Day-5 of Bhagini Sangeethotsava at BSS Vidyodaya in Krishnamurthypuram in city on Apr. 27.

Smruthi is a promising vocalist from Bengaluru. She is a graded vocalist at Akashvani Bengaluru and has received numerous awards from prestigious organisations. Her performance in such esteemed events indicate her growing presence in the Karnatak music scene. What was remarkable in the concert was Smruthi's ability to sustain her energy level consistently from the beginning to the end of the 3-hour concert.

Smruthi had chosen some rare compositions for the evening. She commenced the concert with the Kambhoji varna Pankajakshi by Maha Vaidyanatha Iyer, which was rendered with gait. This was followed by Mysore Vasudevacharya's 'Neranammiti neevE gati' in Chakravaka, a rare composition less heard in concerts, which also saw a neraval at 'nannu brOchiTaku neekenta bhAramu.' The next was a composition of Lalitha Krishnamurthy on Lord Surya, which was again a rarely heard number. This composition, popularised by Nithyasree Mahadevan, was indeed a heart melting rendition with Smruthi's clear diction.

Sri Tyagaraja's 'BanTu reeti kolu' was brisk, with also a quick neraval at 'RAmanAmamane.' Saint poet Bhadrachala Ramadasa has contributed a number of beautiful devotional compositions to the world of music. 'EDanunADo BhadrAdrivAsu' is one such composition. This rendition like many other compositions of the saint poet, filled the atmosphere with devotion.

Varali was the sub-main piece of the concert. Smruthi's adherence to shruti is commendable. The alapana was essayed in a leisurely manner leading onto the divine kriti 'MAmava meenAkshi' by Dikshitar set to Mishra Chapu. Swaras were gloriously built at 'ShyAmE shankari' both by the vocalist and the violinist. 'NeedAsuDanE gadA RAma' yet another rare number of Sri Tyagaraja, paved the way to the center piece of the concert — An RTP in Kannada on Lord Rama. It was a pallavi composed by the vocalist herself exclusively for the event and what made it more special was the fact that it was composed in Kannada.

Smruthi Bhaskar performing at BSS Vidyodaya in Krishnamurthypuram in city on Apr. 27 as part of Bhagini Sangeethotsava. She is accompanied by C.V. Shruthi on violin, A. Radhesh on mridanga and V.S. Ramesh on morching.

Prithvi Bhaskar: Promising torchbearer of the tradition

Prithvi Bhaskar presenting vocal recital at BSS Vidyodaya in Krishnamurthypuram in city on Apr. 28 as part of Bhagini Sangeethotsava. She is accompanied by H.N. Bhaskar on violin, Sumesh Narayanan from Chennai on mridanga and Shamith Gowda on ghata.

The pallavi was in two ragas — Kapi and Brindavana Saranga. So the vocalist presented every part, the alapana, the tanam and the pallavi rendition, neraval and kalpanaswaras, in both the ragas, which was not only adventurous but impressive. 'SeetARAmara pAdapaduma kanDenu | jagadEkaveera Hanumanta sahita' set to Khanda Atta Tala was colourfully presented with ragamalika swaras in Charukeshi and Nasikabhushani. The way Smruthi commandingly switched from one raga to another and also wove kalpana swaras to different sections of the pallavi unfalteringly was admirable.

After a grand taniyavartanam by Radhesh and Ramesh, Smruthi concluded the concert with a devaranama 'BhAvarE BhApurE BHaLirE Hanumanta' by Sri Purandara Dasaru on Hanuman in Mand and a Lalgudi tillana in Bindumalini.

There was a persistent disturbance of the microphone, right from the beginning to the end of the concert, which was disappointing both to the artistes and to the listeners. The authorities must do something about this issue of the auditorium, which is otherwise a well-planned, huge, spacious and comfortable hall.

Day-6

The Day-6 of Bhagini Sangeethotsava on Apr. 28, brought a vocal concert from young **Prithvi Bhaskar** from Mysuru. She was accompanied by her father **H.N. Bhaskar** on violin, **Sumesh Narayanan** from Chennai on mridanga and **Shamith Gowda** on ghata.

Prithvi is blessed to be born in a family totally committed to music. Her grandfather and her father are prominent violinists who are established disciples of the great violin maestro MSG (M.S. Gopalakrishnan). Being under the tutelage of her grandparents, Prithvi's talent for singing and violin playing are the result of illustrious streams of heritage.

Prithvi's selection of compositions for the concert showcased her versatility and command over various ragas. Engaging in concerts that honour revered deities and collaborating with accomplished accompanists reflect her dedication to the tradition and her commitment to music.

The concert opened with the Nalinakanti Varna 'NeevE gatiyani' set to Adi tala composed by Lalgudi Jayaraman. 'Vallabha nAyakasya BhaktO bhajAmi' in Begade was a rare treat. It is unfortunate that artistes do not sing/play this more often in recent concerts. A rare composition in a rare raga Shivakambhoji 'Satatamu ninne SharaNambine' by Mysore B.K. Padmanabha Rao was a welcome surprise.

Varali was taken for detailed rendition. Prithvi should work on her voice, especially on the lower notes. Sri Tyagaraja's 'ETijanmamidihA O RAma' with a neraval at 'SATile nee mAra' and swaras was a good presentation. Two Tyagaraja renditions — 'Hecharika gA rArA hE RAmachandra' in Yadukula Kambhoji and the popular 'Enta muddo enta sogasu' in Bindumalini, wherein Bhaskar proceeded to knit swaras for the pallavi which was probably unintended by the vocalist, brought smiles on the face of the audience. The vocalist followed queue and proceeded with a couple of more kalpana swaras, before going to the main part of the concert.

Thodi, which took almost an hour of the concert, was the highlight of the evening. Prithvi explored the enchanting ranges of the raga in the alapana. In Sri TyAgaraja's kriti 'Kaddanu vAriki kaddu,' the kalapramana was well maintained in all the three segments without resorting to accelerating the speed in the charana or taniyavartana. The expansive neraval and kalpana swaras brought out the vocalist's calibre.

H.N. Bhaskar prided in his daughter's performance, complementing her vocal lines with sensitivity. Sumesh and Shamith provided encouraging and robust support to Prithvi.

After Taniyavartanam, three attractive bits were presented — 'AlOkayE sakhi Ananda tAndava Sundara BAlakrishnam' by Sri Narayana Teertha in Charukeshi, the well-known 'Pibare RAmarasam' by Sadashiva Brahmendra in which sahitya could have been taken more care of and a javali in suruti. It was surprising and also a little disappointing that no Kannada compositions were included in the concert.

The concert was a good blend of technical precision and emotive depth. Prithvi's dedication to both vocal and violin, combined with her rich musical heritage and her accomplishments, mark her as a promising artiste on the classical music landscape.

—Dr. Padmavathi Narasimhan

City Dance Professor gets 'Manjudasa' State Award

Dr. K. Kumar, Mysuru's senior Bharatanatyam exponent and Professor, was recently conferred with 'Manjudasa' State Award, in memory of the esteemed Vidwan K. Manjappa, during the 76th Annual Music and Dance Festival organised by Sri Muralidhara Sangeeta Nritya Mahavidyalaya, Mohana Tarangini Sangeetha Sabha, Bengaluru, at "Amma's Courtyard" located on the second floor of the institution in Ullal, Bengaluru. He is seen with Natya Saraswati Vidu. Shubha Dhananjay, Violin Maestro Govindaraj and the institution's Founder-Director Vid. Mohan Kumar.

Mysore University Inter-collegiate Inter-Zone Men's Games

PGSC MGM emerges overall champions

Members of Post Graduate Sports Council, Mysuru, who emerged as the overall team champions of the Mysore University Inter-collegiate Inter-Zone Men's Games, securing the top position with 30 points.

Mysuru, May 3- Post Graduate Sports Council, Manasagangothri, Mysuru (PGSC MGM) emerged as the overall team champions at University of Mysore (UoM) Inter-collegiate Inter-Zone Men's Games organised by Department of Physical Education, UoM, here recently.

RESULTS

Table Tennis: Semi-Final 1: St. Joseph's FGC def. B.M. Shetty GFGC, Konanur – 3-0, **Semi-Final 2:** VVFGC def. GFGC, K.R. Nagar – 3-1, **Final:** St. Joseph's FGC def. VVFGC – 3-2, **Third Place:** B.M. Shetty GFGC, Konanur def. GFGC, K.R. Nagar – 3-2

Chess: 1. PGSC MGM, University of Mysore – 10 Points, 2.NIE FGC, Mysuru– 8 Points, 3: GFGC, Nanjangud – 6 Points

Volleyball: Semi-Final 1: SBRR MFGC def. Govt. Arts College, Hassan 2-0 (25-18, 25-23), **Semi-Final 2:** PGSC MGM def. SAFGC, Channarayapatna 2-0 (25-9, 25-11), **Final:** PGSC MGM def. SBRR MFGC 2-0 (25-20, 25-23), **Third Place:** Govt. Arts College, Hassan def. SAFGC, Channarayapatna 2-0

Softball: Final: SBRR MFGC, def. JSS College, Ooty Road – 4-3

Kabaddi: Semi-Final 1: Maharaja's College def. Vishwa Bharathi FGC, H.D. Kote 21-20, **Semi-Final 2:** VVFGC, Mysuru def. SAC, H.D. Kote 24-16, **Final:** VVFGC, Mysuru def. Maharaja's College 30-14, **Third Place:** Vishwa Bharathi FGC, H.D. Kote def. SAC, H.D. Kote 24-20

Kho-Kho: Semi-Final 1: PGSC MGM def. GFGC Halebeedu – 8 Points & Innings, **Semi-Final 2:** Maharaja's College def. GFGC, Hanagodu – 2 Points & 4 Minutes, **Final:** PGSC MGM def. Maharaja's College – 2 Points, **Third Place:** GFGC Hanagodu def. GFGC Halebeedu – 1 Point & 3 Minutes

Ball Badminton: Semi-Final 1: GFGC, K.R. Nagar def. JSS College, Ooty Road 2-0 (35-26, 35-24), **Semi-Final 2:** GFGC, Bharathinagar def. GFGC, Nanjangud 2-0 (35-32, 35-26), **Final:** GFGC Bharthinagar def. GFGC, K.R. Nagar 2-1 (35-30, 32-35, 35-31), **Third Place:** GFGC, Nanjangud def. JSS College, Ooty Road 2-0 (35-20, 35-25)

Basketball: Semi-Final 1: GFGC, Hunsur 7-2, **Semi Final 2:** St. Joseph's FGC, Mysuru def. St. Joseph's FGC, Hassan 21-10, **Final:** St. Joseph's FGC, Mysuru def. Sapient College – 42-29, **Third Place:** St. Joseph's FGC, Hassan def. DD Urs GFGC, Hunsur 20-0

Football: Semi-Final 1: SBRR MFGC def. St. Philomena's College – 4-3, **Semi-Final 2:** St. Joseph's FGC, Hassan def. DD Urs GFGC, Hunsur – 1-0, **Final:** SBRR MFGC def. St. Joseph's FGC, Hassan – 3-0, **Third Place:** St. Philomena's College def. DD Urs GFGC, Hassan.

Throw Ball: Semi-Final 1: Maharaja's College def. GFGC Nanjangud 2-1, **Semi-Final 2:** PGSC MGM def. SAFGC, Channarayapatna – 2-0, **Final:** PGSC MGM def. Maharaja's College – 2-0, **Third Place:** GFGC, Nanjangud def. SAFGC, Channarayapatna – 2-0

Shuttle Badminton: Final: Sapient College def. SBRR MFGC 2-1, **Singles:** 21-16, 21-7, **Doubles:** 12-21, 13-21, **Reverse Singles:** 21-17, 21-12, **Third Place:** GFGC, Channarayapatna def. De Paul College 2-0

Handball: Final: PGSC MGM def. SBRR MFGC 13-10, **Third Place:** St. Joseph's College, Hassan def. DD Urs GFGC, Hunsur 7-3

Cricket: Final: TTL College – 113 all out, Sapient College – 114/1, Sapient won by 9 wickets, **Third Place**: GFGC Periyapatna – 103 all out, JSS College, Nanjangud – 104/5, JSS Nanjangud won by 5 wickets.

Hockey: Final: Sapient College def. St. Joseph's FGC, Mysuru 5-0. **Lawn Tennis: First Place:** PGSC MGM, **Second Place:** Sapient College, **Third Place:** H.K Veeranna Gowda Degree College, Maddur.

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W/o. B.Suresh Babu (Contractor CPWD)
Grieving family members & relatives

OBITUARY

Regret to inform you that **Satyanarayana Setty,** expired on 2/5/2025 at 1:30pm. Last darshan is arranged on Sunday 4/5/2025 between 8am to 11am at his residence # 988, Sanmarga, 12th cross, Siddarthnagar, Mysore-11.

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NEWS BRIEFS

Interaction

As part of its 'Mahila Sahityada Hiriya Chetanagalu' Series, Lekhika Sahitya Vedike has organised an interaction with senior writer C.N. Mukta at 'Pranava,' #877/1, Vani Vilas Road, Lakshmipuram, tomorrow (May 4) at 11 am. Dr. Sudha Ramesh, Usha Narasimhan, Kerodi M. Lolakshi, Suchitra Hegde, Sujata Raveesh, B.G. Gayatri, B.R. Nagaratna, B.K. Meenakshi & Savitha Prabhakar will take part. Vedike President Shylaja Suresh will preside.

Poets meet

District Kannada Sahitya Parishat will conduct a poets' meet titled 'Ammana Madilu' on May 11 from 10.30 am at its auditorium in Vijayanagar 1st Stage to mark Mother's Day. Poets can recite 12-line poems or 3 limericks by them about 'Mother.' Those interested can register their names with Hon. Secretary Lata Mohan before May 5. Call Mob: 94818-31434.

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RCB Vs **CSK**
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Pro-Hindu activist Suhas Shetty's murder in Mangaluru

BJP workers stage protest in Mysuru; blame Govt's anti-Hindu stance for murder

Mysuru, May 3 (SPN&BS)- Workers of BJP City and Rural units staged a protest at Ramaswamy Circle here yesterday, blaming the anti-Hindu stance of the State Government as the cause for pro-Hindu activist Suhas Shetty's murder in Mangaluru. The BJP workers, led by City President and former MLA L. Nagendra and Rural President L.R. Mahadevaswamy, raised slogans against the State Government and Chief Minister Siddaramaiah.

Suhas Shetty

The BJP workers, led by City President and former MLA L. Nagendra and Rural President L.R. Mahadevaswamy, staging protest at Ramaswamy Circle in Mysuru yesterday. Krishnaraja MLA T.S. Srivatsa is also seen.

Krishnaraja MLA T.S. Srivatsa said, a gang of youths belonging to a particular community are involved in the murder and a serious action should be taken against them.

"When pro-Hindu activists travel across the State, the Police inspect their vehicles for carrying lethal weapons if any, but they refrain from taking any action, if the vehicles belonging to other faith youths move under their nose. If the Police's style of functioning is taken into count, ostensibly they have to be blamed for the murder," alleged MLA Srivatsa.

Referring to D.J. Halli and K.G. Halli violence in Bengaluru, L. Nagendra said, "the way in which the State Government responded to the incident, shows that, it is not that easy for Hindus to live peacefully in Congress regime.

"The law and order situation in the State has gone for a toss owing to the appeasement of a particular community by CM Siddaramaiah and Congress party. Henceforth, Hindus should learn to live in unison," said Nagendra.

State BJP Spokesperson M.G. Mahesh said, the anti-Hindu policy is embedded in the way of functioning of CM Siddaramaiah, since the day the Government came to power.

Mysuru District BJP SC Morcha President V. Shylendra, City BJP General Secretaries Cable Mahesh and B.M. Raghu, Vice-President Jogi Manju and others were present during the protest.

'Eight suspects arrested'

Mangaluru, May 3 (BS)- Pro-Hindu activist Suhas Shetty was brutally hacked to death in a full public glare, near Bajpe Kinnipadavu in the city recently. The Police have arrested eight suspects in the case.

Shetty, also a rowdy-sheeter, was travelling in a SUV along with his friends Sanjay, Prajwal, Anwith, Lathish and Shashank, when the assailants driving a car and a goods vehicle waylaid the SUV at around 8.30 pm. They launched a murderous attack on Shetty inflicting grievous injuries on him. He was rushed to A.J. Hospital, where he succumbed to death.

Initially, it was believed to be a case of vengeance, to avenge the murder of one Mohammed Fazil that occurred at Surathkal in July 2022. However, according to the latest information, it is suspected to be the fallout of a dispute between Shetty's friend named Prashanth and Abdul Safwan, the main suspect, that cost Shetty's life.

Abdul Safwan, a goods vehicle driver had been allegedly stabbed by Prashanth in September 2023. Shetty had sided with his friend Prashanth in the simmering dispute, that had angered Safwan. Safwan, who was waiting for an opportunity to strike, decided to get rid of Shetty, instead of Prashanth, according to the preliminary investigation.

The incident triggered an outburst among fellow pro-Hindu activists and total bandh was observed at Dakshina Kannada yesterday, following a bandh call given by Vishwa Hindu Parishad (VHP).

Barring the stray incidents of stone pelting on buses at Bajpe and Kankanady, the situation was otherwise peaceful. KSRTC had suspended bus services to sub-urban areas.

State BJP President B.Y. Vijayendra, who paid his respects to the mortal remains of Shetty, announced an ex-gratia of Rs. 25 lakh from the party to the latter's family. "Close on the heels of terrorists' attack in Pahalgam in Kashmir, Shetty was murdered in Mangaluru, which is highly condemnable. The BJP has taken the incident seriously, but the Police lapse is palpable that led to the murder," said Vijayendra.

Home Minister Dr. G. Parameshwar said, four teams have been formed to trace the accused. Nobody involved in the incident would be spared, but the people of the district have to maintain calm and peace, he appealed.

Obituary

Shashikala

Mysuru, May 3- Shashikala (58), wife of B. Suresh Babu (Contractor CPWD) and a resident of Vijayanagar 3rd Stage in city, passed away this morning due to heart attack.

She leaves behind her husband, a son, daughter-in-law, a grandson and a host of relatives and friends.

Last rites were held at Muktidhama in Vijayanagar today.

Pemmanda Loknath

Pemmanda Loknath (Shambu), son of late Kushalappa and a resident of #197, 4th Cross, Hebbal Colony, Mysuru, passed away last night. He was aged 64.

A native of Kumtoor village, Srimangala, Ponnampet taluk, Kodagu, he leaves behind his wife Rani (Mookalamada), a daughter, son-in-law, two granddaughters and a host of relatives and friends. Cremation took place at Chirashantidhama in Gokulam, Mysuru, this afternoon.

Nellamakkada Thulsi

Nellamakkada Thulsi (Cheranda), wife of late N.C. Bopanna and a resident of # 4531, 1st Cross, St. Mary's Road, N.R. Mohalla, Mysuru, passed away yesterday. She was 78.

She leaves behind her children Lokesh Bopanna, Kavitha Bopanna and Mukkatira (Kunjeri) Sumitha Madayya and a host of relatives and friends. Cremation took place at the foot of Chamundi Hill in city this afternoon.

Ramaiah

Ramaiah (78), former Jawa Factory employee, MUDA Deed Writer and a resident of V.V. Mohalla, passed away yesterday evening.

He leaves behind two sons and a host of relatives and friends.

Last rites were held at his farmland in Hadya village, Nanjangud taluk today.

Puttamadamma

Puttamadamma (92), wife of Yajaman late Puttarangaiah (D.R. Kutumba) and a resident of Gandhinagar in city, passed away on Thursday night.

She leaves behind her children Vijayakumari, Chandrakumari, Jayashree, Lakshminarayan, Arundhati and Prasanna and a host of relatives and friends.

Last rites were held at Adijambava Burial Grounds in Gandhinagar yesterday.

Nanjamma

Hunsur: Nanjamma (80), mother of former Member of Aspathrekaval Gram Panchayat & Congress leader Venkatesh, passed away at her native village Choudikatte on Thursday.

She leaves behind seven sons, three daughters and a host of relatives and friends.

Last rites were held at her native village yesterday.

War Room to track illegal immigrants from Pak, Bangla

Contact Helpline numbers 90356-75734, 82176-86764

Mysuru, May 3 (GA&BCT)- Former Minister Aravind Limbavali has revealed that a dedicated War Room has been established to monitor and act on intelligence related to illegal immigrants from Pakistan and Bangladesh.

Speaking to reporters after his visit to Chamundi Hill in Mysuru yesterday, Limbavali said that more than 400 calls have already been received at the War Room, many offering information on suspected infiltrators.

He noted that immigrants from Pakistan and Bangladesh have settled in multiple locations and that urgent efforts are being made to identify and trace them.

Fake Aadhaar Cards

Limbavali alleged that several individuals are residing in Karnataka using fake Aadhaar cards. He has appealed to the public to report such cases by contacting the War Room through Helpline numbers 90356-75734 and 82176-86764.

Condemning the recent terror attack in Pahalgam, Jammu and Kashmir, Limbavali expressed concern over reports that Hindus were targeted based on their religious identity. He also condemned the recent murder of Hindu activist Suhas Shetty in Mangaluru and demanded strict action against those responsible.

Former Minister Aravind Limbavali addressing reporters atop Chamundi Hill in city yesterday as former MP Prathap Simha, former Minister Kumar Bangarappa, MLAs B.P. Harish and Ramesh Jarkiholi look on.

Party leaders extended their support to Shetty's family and called for a fair and thorough investigation, he added.

Prathap Simha blasts Congress

Former MP Prathap Simha strongly criticised the Congress-led Karnataka Government, citing the death of Kodagu-based Vinay Somaiah, who committed suicide in Bengaluru, unable to bear the harassment by one of the MLAs of Kodagu and his supporters. "Though Vinay Somaiah, in his suicide note, has blamed the MLA and one of his henchmen for forcing him to take the extreme step, the Police have not arrested the accused and they are roaming freely," he noted.

"Vinay Somaiah's death and the murder of Suhas Shetty in Mangaluru are signs of a deteriorating law and order situation in Karnataka under Siddaramaiah's administration. These incidents prove my earlier warning that voting for Congress would pave the way for 'Taliban-style' governance in the State," he added.

He further alleged that a pattern of targeted Hindu killings has emerged and accused the Siddaramaiah Government of appeasement politics, favouring one particular community over others.

TEASER

By N. Prakash

Police Chief leads City Round

Mysuru, May 3 (MK&BS)- In view of the protest organised by various organisations at Eidgah Maidan in Tilak Nagar here this afternoon, opposing the recent The Waqf (Amendment) Act, 2025, the City Police Commissioner Seema Latkar led the City Round involving various Police officials yesterday.

The Police Inspectors, Sub-Inspectors from all the Law and Order and Traffic Stations in the city, ACPs and DCPs, took out a route march in vehicles, in the areas falling under the jurisdictions of Mandi, Narasimharaja and Udayagiri Police Station limits.

City Police Chief Seema Latkar told *Star of Mysore*, to instil courage among the public and ensure peace and law and order, over 80 Police personnel, including officials and senior Officers, took out rounds, covering prominent roads and around Eidgah Maidan.

'Hindu killings rising, lawlessness prevailing under Congress regime'

MP B.Y. Raghavendra accuses Siddaramaiah Govt. of emboldening rioters, failing to curb violence

Mysuru, May 3 (MTY&BCT)- Shivamogga MP B.Y. Raghavendra launched a scathing attack on the Congress-led Karnataka Government headed by Siddaramaiah, accusing it of presiding over a collapse in law and order and failing to curb rising attacks on Hindu activists.

Speaking at the BJP office in Mysuru yesterday, Raghavendra referred to the recent public murder of a Hindu activist in Mangaluru, claiming that the incident highlights a growing pattern of targeted killings. "Such blatant violence, taking place in full public view, is a sign of complete breakdown in governance," he said.

He pointed to repeated incidents in Shivamogga, Mangaluru and Mysuru, alleging a coordinated attempt to suppress Hindutva voices. "There appears to be a larger conspiracy at play, emboldened by a Government that is indifferent at best and complicit at worst," he remarked.

Raghavendra also criticised the State Government for withdrawing cases related to the K.J. Halli and D.J. Halli riots, as well as the Hubballi Police Station arson case. "Those responsible feel protected under this Siddaramaiah regime," he said.

The MP took aim at Siddaramaiah's recent remarks that "war is not the solution," made in the context of the terror attack in Pahalgam, Jammu and Kashmir. "At a time when the entire nation is demanding firm action against Pakistan, the Chief Minister's comments show misplaced priorities and show his appeasement mindset," he said, adding that people are watching Prime Minister Narendra Modi's response closely.

Raghavendra warned that continued inaction over Hindu activist killings could inflame tensions between religious communities. "If the State Government fails to act decisively, we are looking at a dangerous escalation," he cautioned.

On a different note, the MP welcomed the Central Government's decision to conduct a nationwide caste census, saying it reflected a serious commitment to social justice. He accused the Karnataka Government of simply imitating the Centre's move and questioned its originality. "Those who have reduced Constitution architect Dr. B.R. Ambedkar's legacy to garlanding photographs could never conceive such a reform," he added.

Night traffic ban in Bandipur

Centre set to intervene; protect natural habitats

Mysuru, May 3 (BCT)- In the wake of reports suggesting that the Karnataka Government is revoking the night traffic ban inside the Bandipur Tiger Reserve, bowing to pressure from the Congress High Command, Mysuru-Kodagu MP Yaduveer Krishnadatta Chamaraja Wadiyar has assured that the Central Government will take firm steps to ensure the night traffic ban through the Bandipur Tiger Reserve remains intact, reaffirming its commitment to wildlife conservation.

In a press release, the MP said that Union Minister for Environment and Forests Bhupendra Yadav has responded to his concerns and confirmed through letter that a suitable affidavit would be submitted to the Supreme Court, defending the existing traffic restrictions during night time.

Since 2009, the Karnataka Government has enforced night traffic restrictions on National Highways 67 and 766, passing through the Bandipur Tiger Reserve and leading to Ooty and Sultan Bathery, respectively. The ban, from 9 pm to 6 am, aims to protect wildlife, including tigers and reduce human-wildlife conflict in the region.

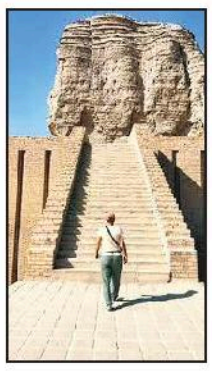
Raising the matter during the Zero Hour of the Lok Sabha Budget Session, Yaduveer highlighted the ecological importance of Bandipur and the potential threats posed by lifting the ban. In response, the Union Minister assured the Parliament that the Centre would prioritise the long-term conservation of tigers and the protection of their natural habitat.

The Karnataka Forest, Environment and Climate Department has reportedly opposed the move, warning that nighttime vehicular movement could result in increased human-wildlife conflicts and irreversible environmental damage.

Appealing directly to the State Government, MP Yaduveer urged Karnataka to refrain from making decisions that could jeopardise the fragile ecosystem of Bandipur.

WORD OF THE DAY

Ziggurat



Pronunciation: ZIG-uh-rat (noun).
Meaning: A ziggurat is an ancient Mesopotamian temple consisting of a pyramidal structure built in successive stages with outside staircases and a shrine at the top. The word ziggurat is also sometimes used for a similarly shaped structure.
Origin: French professor of archaeology François Lenormant spent a great deal of time poring over ancient Assyrian texts. In those cuneiform inscriptions, he pieced together a long-forgotten language, now known as Akkadian, which proved valuable to our understanding of the ancient civilisation. Through his studies, he became familiar with the Akkadian word for Mesopotamia's towering, stepped temples: ziqqurratu, which stepped into English as ziggurat.
Example: "The Breuer building, the former home of the Whitney Museum on New York's Upper East Side, counts as one of the defining buildings of the [brutalist] movement. Completed in 1966, it was designed by Marcel Breuer, who envisioned the structure as an inverted ziggurat." — Alex Greenberger, Art in America, 14 Jan. 2025

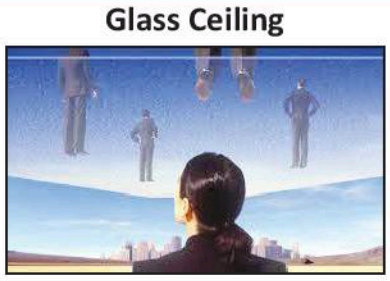
THE ODD WORD

Gambado

Bound or spring of a horse; fantastic movement.

PHRASE OF THE DAY

Glass Ceiling



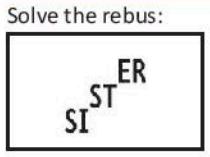
Meaning: The term 'Glass Ceiling' is often used in a situation when a woman or someone from a minority group has had a hard time climbing up the professional ladder, and seems to have plateaued professionally below their actual potential.
Origin: This term was first heard in 1978 when Marilyn Loden (an American author) mentioned this in a speech she gave. Hillary Clinton recently made it very popular again when she used this term after she lost the political election in 2016.
Example: "She was not able to break through the glass ceiling; despite her qualifications, she was not promoted to the executive level position."

QUOTE BOX

Don't tell me the moon is shining; show me the glint of light on broken glass.— **Anton Chekhov**

RIDDLE THIS

Solve the rebus:



Answer: Step Sister.

CROSS WORD

ACROSS:

1 A Programming Lang.
4 IIM grad
7 Append or join
10 Wings or winglike parts
11 Eighth month, in short
12 Joint of meat - "lion" anagram?
14 White crested parrot
16 The ___ For Life : Irving Stone's famous novel?
17 9th letter of the Hebrew alphabet
18 Twisted or distorted
19 Portico
20 Indonesia's earlier name
21 Milk producer
22 Brewed beverage
24 Guru Dutt's 1954 production (3,4)
28 X-mas month
29 Rsrv. Bk. of India
30 Egg of an insect
31 A hair style (4,3)
33 Central Technical Operations
34 Librarian's admonition
35 President Eisenhower's nickname ?
37 Slightly drunk
40 Crackerjack?
41 Summer & Winter Games org.
44 "Road" anagram for a girl's name?
45 Ms Chopra of Bollywood
47 Another word for 'commotion'
48 Female sibling, in short
49 Skin blemish
50 Alcott heroine of "Little Women"
51 Edible tuber
52 Utter

YESTERDAY'S ANSWER

M	O	S	S	■	E	M	P	■	I	D	E	S
L	U	C	K	■	T	I	A	■	N	A	T	O
I	S	A	Y	■	A	S	K	■	C	L	A	N
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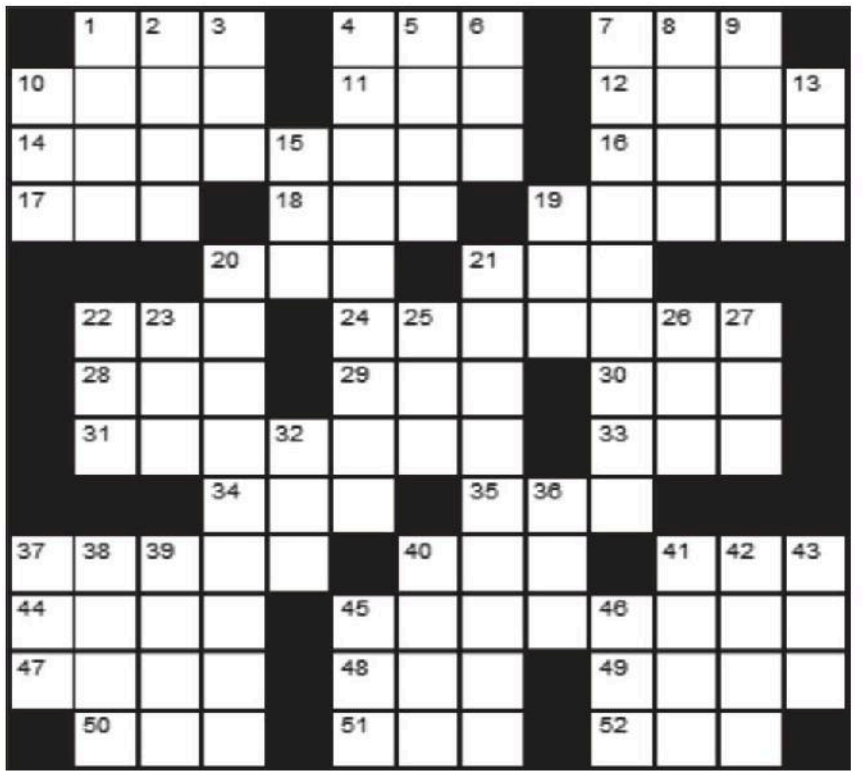
P	U	T	U	P	W	I	T	H	■	L	S	I
U	N	I	T	■	E	C	O	■	L	I	O	N
J	U	N	O	■	L	E	T	■	O	N	Y	X
A	M	E	N	■	L	S	S	■	P	E	A	S

DOWN

1 Bitter fruit
2 An agreement
3 Albanian coin
4 Female head of a family
5 Anchored float
6 Have _ ___ at : essay or attempt? (1,2)
7 Stipend
8 Sullen, severe
9 Flat plate
10 Part of a play
13 Degree of sorts
15 Wonder or dread
19 Daddy
20 Requisite
21 Fault-finding
22 Air Data Comp.
23 Gaelic sea god
25 ___ Dhabi : capital of UAE
26 An islet, poetically speaking?
27 Road Transp. Off.
32 For what reason?
36 Lock opener
37 Tax deducted at source, in short
38 Least amount
39 Proper or prissy
40 Opera part
41 Peruvian Indian
42 Alright
43 Ford for one, Maruti for another?
45 "Gangnam Style" rapper
46 Beast of burden from the Biblical times?



SUDOKU

			7			4	8	
1			9					
9		5	6		4	3		
		8				5	2	3
2	5	1				7		
		6	3		9	8		2
					8			6
	9	3			5			

Answer to previous puzzle

1	4	6	2	7	9	3	8	5
8	9	2	3	5	1	4	6	7
5	3	7	4	6	8	2	9	1
7	2	3	9	1	4	8	5	6
6	8	1	5	2	3	9	7	4
9	5	4	7	8	6	1	2	3
4	6	5	8	3	2	7	1	9
2	1	9	6	4	7	5	3	8
3	7	8	1	9	5	6	4	2

Sudoku is a number-placing puzzle based on a 9x9 grid with several given numbers. The object is to place the numbers 1 to 9 in the empty squares so that each row, each column and each 3x3 box contains the same number only once. The difficulty level of the Concept is Sudoku increases from Monday to Sunday.

CRYPTOQUIP

The Cryptoquip is a substitution cipher in which one letter stands for another. If you think that X equals O, it will equal O throughout the puzzle. Single letters, short words and words using an apostrophe give you clues to locating vowels. Solution is by trial and error.

JG BI JZSSBGIO HJQ JZOJ SQHGL OQ

RZOJGL HBIFQY ALQY Z AEQHGL.

TODAY'S CLUE: J EQUALS H

Yesterday's Cryptoquip: There are 3 kinds of people: those who can count & those who can't.

MOVIE LOVERS

NOW SHOWING - SINGLE SCREEN THEATRES

- **Gayathri Theatre** **Ph: 2443568**
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  Tourist Family (Ta) - 4 Shows
- **Woodlands Theatre** **Ph: 2422871**
  HIT: The Third Case (K) - 2 Shows; *HIT: The Third Case (Te)* - 2 Shows
- **Padma Theatre** **Ph: 2521923**
  Yuddhakaanda Chapter 2 (K) - 4 Shows
- **Prabha Theatre** **Mob: 98454-14691**
  Bhagiratha (K) - 4 Shows
- **Lido Theatre** **Ph: 2420885**
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Retro (Ta)	(S-1)	9.40 am, 1 pm, 7 pm
	(S-4)	4.05 pm
Thunderbolts (E)	(S-1)	4.20 pm, 10.20 pm
	(S-2)	10.25 am
Yuddhakaanda Chapter 2 (K)	(S-2)	1.05 pm, 4.05 pm
Thudarum (Ma)	(S-2)	7 pm, 10.20 pm
Tourist Family (Ta)	(S-3)	1.10 pm
HIT: The Third Case (Te)	(S-3)	10 am, 3.55 pm, 7.05 pm, 10.15 pm
Puppy (K)	(S-4)	10.30 am
Raid 2 (H)	(S-4)	1 pm, 7.25 pm, 10.25 pm

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Retro (Ta)	:	10.25 am, 1.30 pm, 4.40 pm, 7.45 pm
The Bhootnii (H)	:	11.15 am, 1.50 pm
Thunderbolts (E-3D)*	:	11.20 am, 4.25 pm, 6.50 pm
Puppy (K)	:	11.25 am
Yuddhakaanda Chapter 2 (K)	:	1.35 pm, 9.25 pm
Raid 2 (H)	:	1.45 pm, 4.20 pm, 10.05 pm
Faizu Mattu Hunja (K)	:	4.20 pm
Thudarum (Ma)	:	7 pm, 9.15 pm
Tourist Family (Ta)	:	7 pm

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Thudarum (Ma)	:	9.15 am, 12.45 pm, 6.55 pm, 10.10 pm
Retro (Ta)	:	9.20 am, 12.25 pm, 4.20 pm
		6.55 pm, 10 pm
Raid 2 (H)	:	9.30 am, 12.45 pm, 3.40 pm
		6.35 pm 9.30 pm
HIT: The Third Case (Te)	:	9.35 am, 12.40 pm, 3.45 pm
		6.50 pm, 10.15 pm
Tourist Family (Ta)	:	10.20 am, 7.40 pm
The Bhootnii (H)	:	11.40 am, 5.05 pm
Kesari Chapter 2 (H)	:	1.25 pm
Yuddhakaanda Chapter 2 (K)	:	3.50 pm
Puppy (K)	:	4 pm
Until Dawn (E)	:	10.30 pm

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HIT: The Third Case (Te)	:	9.25 am, 12.20 pm, 6.50 pm, 10 pm
Thunderbolts (E-3D)*	:	9.40 am, 11.20 am, 4.55 pm, 10.30 pm
Raid 2 (H)	:	10.25 am, 2 pm, 4 pm, 7.35 pm, 10.15 pm
Puppy (K)	:	12.35 pm
Tourist Family (Ta)	:	1.20 pm
Thudarum (Ma)	:	3.15 pm
Retro (Ta)	:	3.30 pm, 6.55 pm, 9.50 pm
Yuddhakaanda Chapter 2 (K)	:	6.45 pm

INOX LIVE the MOVIE

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Raid 2 (H)	:	9.50 am, 1.15 pm, 7.35 pm, 10.30 pm
Retro (Ta)	:	9.50 am, 12.45 pm, 4.10 pm, 10.10 pm
Thunderbolts (E)*	:	10 am, 7.25 pm
Thunderbolts (E-3D)*	:	4 pm, 10 pm
HIT: The Third Case (K)	:	10.45 am
HIT: The Third Case (Te)	:	12.45 pm, 6.45 pm, 10.20 pm
Kesari Chapter 2 (H)	:	2 pm
Thudarum (Ma)	:	4.10 pm
Puppy (K)	:	4.55 pm
Yuddhakaanda Chapter 2 (K)	:	7.20 pm

INOX Centro Mysore - Ph: 0821-4283555

Hit: The Third Case (Te)	:	9.50 am, 7.15 pm, 10.30 pm
Hit: The Third Case (K)	:	1.05 pm
Raid 2 (H)	:	10.05 am, 4.20 pm, 7.25 pm, 10.20 pm
Retro (Ta)	:	10.10 am, 1 pm, 6.55 pm, 10 pm
Thunderbolts (E-3D)*	:	11 am, 1.45 pm, 4.30 pm, 7.15 pm
Preeti Prema Panganaama (K)	:	1.35 pm
Nan Poli (K)	:	4.10 pm
Yuddhakaanda Chapter 2 (K)	:	4.25 pm
Thudarum (Ma)	:	10.20 pm

NOTE: Movie timings published here are subject to sudden change by the theatre managements. The films are also liable to be changed in multiplexes if there is no minimum audience of 15.

EVENTS TODAY (MAY 3)

- **Sangeet Natak Akademi (SNA), New Delhi and Karnataka State Dr. Gangubai Hangal Music and Performing Arts University, Mysuru:** SNA Fellows & Awardees Festival of Music and Dance 2025, Moinuddin Khan (Jaipur) - Sarangi, **4 pm - 4.30 pm;** Kalapini Komkali (Dewas) - Hindustani Vocal, **4.40 pm - 5.10 pm;** Shankar Sastry (Bengaluru) - Karnatak Vocal, **5.20 pm - 5.50 pm;** Gobinda Saikia - Sattriya, **6 pm - 6.30 pm;** Maddali Usha Gayatri - Kuchipudi, **6.40 pm - 7.10 pm;** Nirupama Rajendra & T.D. Rajendra - Creative & Experimental Dance, Vijnana Bhavan, Manasagangothri campus, Mysuru, **7.20 pm - 7.50 pm.**
- **Kalasuruchi:** 'Kathe Kelona Banni- 878,' story-telling by Dr. N.M. Girijapathi, Cultural Thinker, Writer & Professor, Sarada Vilas Law College, Suruchi Rangamane, #476, Chitrabhanu Road, Kuvempunagar, **4.30 pm to 5.30 pm.**
- **Sri Shankara Jayanti Sabha:** Sri Shankara Bhagavatpadara Jayantyutsava, veena recital by Anagha, Samudaya Bhavana, Tenginatopu, 3rd Cross Road, 2nd Main Road, Saraswathipuram, **5 pm to 6.30 pm.**
- **Avadhoota Datta Peetham:** 4k Projection Mapping on 45-ft tall Karya Siddhi Hanuman statue, Sri Ganapathy Sachchidananda (SGS) Ashram, Dattanagar, Nanjangud Road, **(3 Shows) 7.10 pm, 7.40 pm and 8.10 pm.** [Note: If rain or wind persists shows will be cancelled]

EVENTS TOMORROW (MAY 4)

- **Mysuru District Sattada Sri Vaishnava Sangha:** Bhagavad Sri Ramanujacharya's 1008th Tirunakshatra and 16th Annual General Body Meeting, Sri Vishnu Sahasranama Parayana, Sri Yadugiri Yatiraja Narayana Ramanuja Jiyar Swamiji graces the occasion, Sangha President R. Lokesh presides, Arkadhama Founder Srinivasa Arka Swamiji chief guest, MLA T.S. Srivatsa, MLC Dr. D. Thimmaiah, Prajna Kuteera Founder Dr. N.V. Krishnamurthy and Mysuru Jilla Brahmana Mahasabha President D.T. Prakash special invitees, Rotary West Educational Institutions premises, Saraswathipuram, **9 am.**
- **Music Concert:** Vocal concert by Advaith Narasimhan, Bengaluru, accompanied by Vidu. Varalakshmi on violin and Vid. Amogh Kaipa on mridanga, Mysore Vasudevacharya's residence, near Agrahara, **10.30 am.**
- **Basava Samiti (Hebbal-Vijayanagar), Mysuru:** Sharana Sangama-305, Sri Basaveshwara Jayanti and Akka Mahadevi Jayanti celebrations, Sharana/Sharaneyara Patrabhinaya and Vachana Gayana by Sri Shivarathreeshwara Akkana Balaga and Basava Samiti Member, Samiti President H.V. Rajeev presides, Basava Bhavana, CA-5, 11th Cross, Vijayanagar 1st Stage, **10.30 am.**
- **Karmikara Hakkugala Seva Samiti:** Labour Rights Day celebrations, workshop, Rotary Hall, JLB Road, **11 am.**
- **Lekhika Sahitya Vedike:** 'Mahila Sahityada Hiriya Chetanagalu' Series, interaction with senior writer C.N. Mukta; Dr. Sudha Ramesh, Usha Narasimhan, Kerodi M. Lolakshi, Suchitra Hegde, Sujata Raveesh, B.G. Gayatri, B.R. Nagaratna, B.K. Meenakshi and Savitha Prabhakar will take part, Vedike President Shylaja Suresh presides, 'Pranava,' #877/1, Vani Vilas Road, Lakshmipuram, **11 am.**
- **Jana Chaithanya Foundation:** Dr. B.R. Ambedkar's 134th Jayanti and Basava Jayanti celebrations, Jai Bhim Gayanotsava, Karaoke music programme, Buddha Bhavana, behind T. Subbanna Sarvajanika Hostel, 4th Main Road, Vidyaranyapuram, **4 pm.**
- **Balamurali Musical Group, Mysuru:** Karaoke Musical Programme, singers - K.I. Prakash, G. Sridhar, I.P. Bhuvan, Neetu Umesh, Pallavi Pai, I.P. Yashas; MLA T.S. Srivatsa, Karnataka Sugama Sangeetha Parishat Mysuru District President Nagaraj V. Bairy and Automotive Axles Ltd. President Nagaraja Gargeshwari chief guests, Shobha Nagabhushan comperes, Sri Nadabrahma Sangeetha Sabha, JLB Road, **4.30 pm.**
- **Nadavidyalaya, Mysuru:** Bharatanatyam Rangapravesha of Sharvari Walimbe (daughter of Abhay and late Anjali Walimbe), disciple of Guru Vidushi Mithra Naveen, S.D. Sureshkumar, Police Inspector, Vijayanagar Police Station, Mysuru, Shashidhara Dongre of L&T Technology Services Ltd. and Author and Dr. Kripa Phadke, Director, Nrityagiri Performing Arts and Research Centre, Mysuru, guests of honour, Music Ensemble - Dance Direction, Choreography & Nattuvanga - Guru Vidushi Mithra Naveen; Vocal - Vidwan Naveen M.S. Andagar; Flute - Vid. Vivek Krishna; Mridanga - Vid. G.S. Nagraj, Jaganmohan Palace, **5.30 pm.**
- **Institution of Engineers-India (IEI), Mysuru Local Centre:** Technical Talk on 'Design Thinking and Innovation' by Dr. Geetha Kiran, Dean (Corporate Affairs), CEO, ME-RIISE Foundation, Hassan, Dr. R. Deepu, Chairman, IEI Mysuru, presides, S.P. Bhat Hall, IEI Mysuru, **6 pm.**
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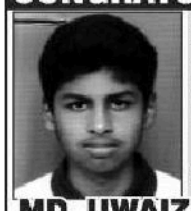
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